

**Westwood Civic Association
-Steering Meeting-
September 9, 2008 – Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by President McNulty. 13 Board Members present, 2 excused and 0 absent. A quorum was present. Secretary: Joel Kimmet.

Present: McNulty, Gweyn, Sess, Kimmet, Huhn, Kuhl, Lewis, Finn, Bach, Boyd, Baumann, Lee and Weber. Excused: Hammann and McConn.

Police Traffic/ Safety Camera Locations:

McNulty reported that the Police are requesting our assistance in identifying locations of intersections in Westwood that should be on a list of needing a traffic camera or a surveillance camera to record red light violations as well as criminal activity. A second question is proposed of whether to include “blue lights” on these cameras once they are installed, to show their location at night. Discussion.

MOTION by Sess, SECOND by Gweyn, to notify the police department of the following proposed “traffic/ safety camera” locations: 1) Fischer and Harrison, 2) McHenry and Harrison, 3) Broadwell and Glenmore, 4) McHenry and Cavanaugh, 5) Woodward and Harrison, 6) Robert and Harrison, 7) Montana and Anaconda, 8) Werk and Harrison, 9) Boudinot and Harrison, 10) Ryan Park, 11) Darwin and Cheviot, 12) Werk and Glenmore, 13) Epworth and Montana, 14) Ferguson and Four Towers, 15) Boudinot and Queen City, 16) Mt Clair and Harrison, 17) LeFeuille and Harrison. Discussion.

Motion passes.

Mail Received:

McNulty reported that we received two mailings, a request for variance for a separate structure at 3413 Fyffe Avenue, and a conditional use permit to add a truck dock, at 2322 Ferguson Avenue. No action taken on either at this time.

Candidate’s Night:

McNulty reported that the WCA “Candidate’s Night” event will be held on October 14th, at WTH. Our alternate date will be October 21st. Invitations have been sent out to Congressman Chabot’s and Driehaus’ campaign offices. No responses have been returned yet from either. A committee was formed of Lee, Kimmet, Weber, and Lewis, for this event. We will have a separate meeting to work on the questions for the debate. Dist. 3 Police Explorers could help with parking and traffic during the event.

MOTION by Sess, SECOND by Bach, to spend \$400.00 of NSP Funds for the Candidate’s Night. This is an approved NSP Project for 2008. Discussion.

Motion Passes.

C.W.C.A. Report:

Sess reported that the Cheviot-Westwood-Community Association has been formed and that Sess paid a \$10.00 membership fee to add Westwood Civic Assn. as a member.

NSP Report:

Kimmet reported that we need ideas to use up our 2008 NSP funding in the Membership Promotion and Neighborhood Improvement areas. Kuhl reported that an idea came up of making WCA Meeting Notice Yard Signs, as well as Good Guy Loitering Yard Signs. These signs can come under Membership Promotion, and the entire project could run between \$200.00 to \$300.00. Kuhl will obtain three estimates from local companies.

On 9/11/08, Invest-In-Neighborhoods will Audit our NSP files from 2006-2008. Kimmet, Lewis, Huhn and Baumann will attend this meeting downtown.

On 9/18/08, Invest-In Neighborhoods will be conducting an NSP Training Session. Kimmet, Lewis and Baumann will attend this meeting downtown.

On 9/4/08, Kimmet sent out an email to all WCA board members showing the totals remaining in all three NSP categories for 2008: Neighborhood Improvement- \$1218.57, Newsletter- \$615.15, and Membership Promotion- \$1671.00. Report attached to Minutes.

President's Report:

McNulty reported that the City of Cincinnati city council is asking community councils for their ideas to put into the new city budget, as policy considerations. Any ideas could be put forth as a motion and voted upon tonight.

MOTION by Gweyn, SECOND by Kuhl, that Westwood asks the city for \$\$ set aside for blighted building demolition within Westwood, as our proposal for the new budget.

Discussion. **Motion passes.**

McNulty reported that Brian Lee and Kathy Bach will work on the Westwood web-site reconstruction, and make proposals during the next meeting.

McNulty reported that the city council recently published a report listing only two neighborhoods as "over-impacted" neighborhoods within the city. One area, the West-End, opted out of consideration and did not want to be on the list. McNulty feels that Westwood needs to be added to this list, as it may help us to be considered for blighted buildings demolition, among other things, in the future months.

MOTION by Kimmet, SECOND by Sess, that a letter be written to the city for Westwood to be added to the "Over-Impacted" neighborhoods list. Discussion.

Motion passes.

McNulty reported that he has asked representatives from METRO bus lines to come to a future meeting to discuss problems with routes 6 and 64. We have received a few complaint letters in the mail from residents who are having problems with the routes.

McNulty reported that the NEP "wrap-up meeting" was held on 9/8/08. There were mixed feelings from those who attended due to some statements made from the organizers. More to report on this at a future meeting.

District 3 Resource Committee:

Lewis reported that the District 3 Resource Committee would again like to sponsor Holiday Treats for the police officers who are working on shifts during the holidays. The annual membership is \$10.00, and proposal to spend \$50.00 on holiday treats.

MOTION by Gweyn, SECOND by Sess to pay the \$10.00 membership fee, as well as spend up to \$50.00 for District 3 Holiday Treats. Discussion. **Motion passes.**

With no further business, Meeting Adjourned by President McNulty at 8:45 pm.

Joel J. Kimmet, Secretary.